GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:254
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LEGISLATION TO CHECK MADRASAS
BRAHMANAND MANDAL;DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have not specific laws stipulating Governmental approval for the construction of Madrasas in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to bring a legislation to check the growth of unregistered madrasas and their activities as reported in the Jansatta dated June 21, 2002;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether reports have been received by the Government regarding the misuse of such institutions as centres of terrorist recruitment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Madrasa is a traditional institution for religious education among the Muslims. As per available information, some States have Madrasa Boards to regulate and control these institutions.

(b) & (c): At present, there is not such proposal under consideration of the Union Government.

(d) & (e): As per available information, some madrassas are being used by the terrorists for anti-national activities.